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SUBJECT:AMBASSADOR'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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FOLLOWING IS REVISED TEXT OF AMBASSADOR'S GOALS AND
OBJECTIVES:

BEGIN TEXT:

I. MAINTENANCE OF COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP

-- MAINTAIN CORRECT RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT; DEVELOP
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WIDESPREAD CONTACTS WITH LEGITIMATE OPPOSITION FORCES.

-- IDENTIFY AND CULTIVATE FUTURE POLITICAL LEADERS.

-- ATTEMPT TO RETAIN GON'S CONSISTENT SUPPORT FOR US
POSITIONS IN INTERNATIONAL FORA.

-- STRENGTHEN TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION AND INSTITUTIONAL TIES
THROUGH INFORMATION, EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE
PROGRAMS IN SUPPORT OF U.S. BILATERAL AND GLOBAL OBJEC-

TIVES AND BROADER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.

II. PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIC VALUES

-- ENCOURAGE ORDERLY MOVEMENT TOWARDS HONEST AND OPEN ELECTIONS.

-- ENCOURAGE GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH PRESENTLY STALEMATED PLANS FOR A NATIONAL DIALOGUE LEADING TOWARD MORE OPEN ELECTIONS AND MORE GENUINE DEMOCRACY.

-- EXPRESS OUR CONCERNS ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES AS FREQUENTLY AS APPROPRIATE AND OUR STRONG HOPE THAT RECENT IMPROVEMENTS BE CONTINUED; AS IMPROVEMENTS OCCUR, ENSURE THAT THE GON KNOWS WE NOTE THEM WITH SATISFACTION.

-- PROMOTE IMPARTIAL INVESTIGATIONS OF ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY RESPONSIBLE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL GROUPS; SPECIFICALLY ENCOURAGE AN INVITATION TO THE IAHR.

-- ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT OF RIGHT OF WORKERS TO IMPROVE THEIR EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS THROUGH SUPPORT FOR DEMO-
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CRATIC TRADE UNIONISM.

-- ENCOURAGE NICARAGUAN ADHERENCE TO THE AMERICAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

III. US SECURITY INTERESTS

-- PROMOTE U.S. SECURITY INTERESTS AND MAINTAIN MILITARY RELATIONSHIPS SUPPORTIVE OF THE BROAD RANGE OF U.S. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES, INCLUDING HUMAN RIGHTS AND CONVENTIONAL ARMS RESTRAINT POLICIES.

-- ENCOURAGE CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE RIO TREATY AND REGIONAL PEACE KEEPING EFFORTS. DISCOURAGE GOVERNMENTAL POLICIES AND ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO HEIGHTENED MILITARY OR POLITICAL TENSIONS.

-- REITERATE TO GON THAT US SECURITY ASSISTANCE IS CONTIN-
GENT UPON U.S. ARMS CONTROL POLICIES AND CONTINUATION OF IMPROVEMENTS IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION.

-- EMPHASIZE THE DEGREE OF INTEREST IN THIS ISSUE IN BOTH U.S. EXECUTIVE AND CONGRESS.

IV. COOPERATIVE EFFORTS WITH GON TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

-- ENCOURAGE THE GON TO FOCUS ON INCREASED ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES TO THE POOREST SECTORS OF SOCIETY.

-- PROMOTE LOCAL PROJECTS ORIENTED TOWARD LOW INCOME SECTORS THROUGH BOTH AID AND PEACE CORPS PROGRAMS.

-- INDICATE U.S. SUPPORT FOR RENEWED PROGRESS OF A FIVE-COUNTRY CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMON MARKET.

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V. PROMOTION OF U.S. TRADE AND INVESTMENT

-- SEEK TO MAINTAIN FAVORABLE TRADE AND INVESTMENT CLIMATE

-- WORK TO INCREASE U.S. EXPORTS; EMPHASIZE TO GON OUR CONCERN ABOUT NON-COMPETITIVE GON CONTRACT AWARDS WHICH ADVERSELY AFFECT U.S. BUSINESS INTERESTS.

VI UTILATERAL COOPERATION

-- ENCOURAGE NICARAGUA TO ADOPT A PRAGMATIC POSITION IN THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. VANCE

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